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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 0980

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, WB, GW
SUBJECT: ACA BUILDING

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1. DESPITE CLEARANCE GIVEN BY FRENCH DEPUTY POLAD LASSUS
APRIL 19, MISOFF SUSPECTED AND FOUND BY CHECKING WITH FRENCH
POLAD PERRIN THAT FRENCH PROBABLY STILL HAD DOUBTS. PERRIN CON-
FIRMED THAT HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH LASSUS.
HE SAID FRENCH WERE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH PAPER AS
WORKING DRAFT, BUT QUAI D'ORSAY HAD REMINDED FRENCH MISSION
HERE THAT ITS 1975 OPPOSITION TO TURNING OVER BUILDING TO
GERMANS REMAINED. HOWEVER, PERRIN ADDED THAT SINCE U.S.
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF BUILDING, FRENCH
COULD NOT REPEAT NOT OBJECT IF U.S. WISHES TO SEE CHANGES
MADE. SPECIFICALLY, THE FRENCH WOULD PREFER TO BE
SHOWN AS HAVING NO OBJECTION TO RETURNING MOST OF THE
BUILDING TO THE GERMANS BUT NOT AS HAVING "AGREED" TO DO SO.
PERRIN WILL BE WRITING TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY (BUT NOT
TO THE QUAI) TO THIS EFFECT.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT FRENCH HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE
1975 ON THIS QUESTION BUT CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT THE
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QUAI D'ORSAY HAS ALSO CHANGED ITS VIEWS. WE EMPHASIZE
THAT CHANGE IN FRENCH VIEWS LOCALLY RESULTS FROM THEIR
ACCEPTANCE OF IDEA THAT THIS IS A U.S. RATHER THAN AN
ALLIED PROBLEM INASMUCH AS THE COSTS OF MAINTAINING AN
ALMOST EMPTY WHITE ELEPHANT WILL APPEAR ON THE U.S.
SHARE OF THE OC BUDGET, AND REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE ADMINIS-
TRATIVE SUPPORT FROM USBER. PERHAPS A QUIET WORD TO

AMBASSADOR BRUNET MIGHT BE USEFUL IN SHORING UP PERRIN'S
POSITION. GEORGE

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